



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 14 September 2005

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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## Daily Highlights

- The Associated Press reports that federal health officials are working to open a database of prescription drug records to help Hurricane Katrina evacuees piece their health care back together after the medical records of untold numbers of people were destroyed. (See item [22](#))
- Federal, state and local officials have pre-positioned emergency relief supplies in strategic locations in anticipation of Tropical Storm Ophelia's landfall on the east coast; residents in the southeastern coastal area are urged to make preparations now, and to listen to the instructions of local officials. (See item [26](#))

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) –

<http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 13, Associated Press* — **Natural gas shortages worry Bush officials.** Senior Bush administration officials touring the Gulf Coast area devastated by Hurricane Katrina expressed concern Tuesday, September 13, about possible shortages of natural gas, saying that the region's production may not recover for months. Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman said there is less known about the damage to the natural gas supply system than about the effect on crude oil production. He said in addition to possible pipeline damage, the hurricane also shut down gas processing facilities on-shore. Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton said that 58 percent of Gulf oil production remains shut down, as does 38 percent of the region's natural gas

production. Last week, the Energy Information Administration estimated that natural gas prices would soar this winter because of the hurricane, including increases as much as 71 percent in parts of the Midwest.

Energy Information Agency: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/13/AR2005091300733.html>

2. *September 13, Reuters* — **Under half a million still without power after Katrina.** Less than 435,000 electricity customers still lacked power 15 days after Hurricane Katrina hit the U.S. Gulf Coast in Louisiana and Mississippi, according to area utilities and the U.S. Department of Energy. About 344,000 of the homes and businesses in Louisiana, or 31 percent, remained without power, while Mississippi had about 91,000 customers still with no service. Katrina initially left more than 4.5 million homes and businesses without power. Entergy Corp., which restored power to all customers who can receive power in Mississippi, still has about 265,000 customers out in the heavily damaged parishes in and around New Orleans in Louisiana. Entergy said it still could not estimate how long it will take to restore full service customers, including the refineries downstream of New Orleans, because the timing depends in part, on when the floodwaters recede from its transmission substations. Southern Co.'s Mississippi Power subsidiary, which released 6,500 workers to assist other companies, has restored power to all customers able to receive power. The company still has about 25,000 customers who are unable to receive power.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20050913/us\\_nm/utilities\\_katrina\\_outages\\_dc\\_2](http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/nm/20050913/us_nm/utilities_katrina_outages_dc_2)

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

3. *September 13, St. Louis Post–Dispatch (MO)* — **Leak, caustic vapor spur evacuation in Missouri.** A leak in a 10,000–gallon tank of anhydrous ammonia — a caustic material used as fertilizer — caused clouds of vapor to roll across the ground Monday, September 12, at an agricultural supply company two miles west of New Haven, MO. Anhydrous ammonia is stored under pressure as a liquid but escapes as a gas. It can cause burns and respiratory problems that in high concentrations may be fatal. Firefighters said the leak was noticed about 1 p.m. CST Monday coming from a tank with a broken valve at the Backes & Toelke supply company, along Highway 100 about 55 miles west of St. Louis, MO, in Franklin County. No one was reported injured, but residents within two square miles of the area were evacuated as Hazmat cleanup crews from St. Louis and Warren counties helped the Franklin County Fire Department handle the leak. The Franklin County Emergency Management Agency said workers planned to drain the chemical into another tanker. Traffic near New Haven on Monday night was rerouted. Source: <http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/stlouiscitycounty/story/934855102C5FB6BB8625707B00114001?OpenDocument>
4. *September 13, Orlando Sentinel (FL)* — **Chlorine spill hampers traffic in Florida.** Motorists were urged to avoid a stretch of State Road 40 near Ormond Beach, FL, where 1,200 gallons of liquid chlorine spilled onto the roadway, Ormond Beach Police reported Tuesday morning, September 13. A transport truck carrying the chlorine struck another vehicle, overturned and

spilled the chlorine in a construction area east of the Rima Ridge, FL, area. There were no injuries, and the chlorine was quickly contained by construction workers. Traffic on State Road 40 was restricted to one lane in the area.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/volusia/orl-bk-spi11091305.0.4128913.story?coll=orl-home-headlines>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

5. *September 13, Vnunet.com* — **Gartner warns of offshore identity theft risk.** A shortage of skilled labor for Indian call centers increases the risk of fraud and identity theft, analyst firm Gartner warned in a newly published study. India will need one million trained and qualified call center workers by 2009, according to the Indian government, but by that time about a quarter of those positions will remain unfilled. Gartner warned that the shortfall in call center agents will cause offshore outsourcing firms to hire fewer qualified staff and could lead to reduced due diligence. Security at outsourcing companies is an ongoing concern. Last July a call center worker in India sold the account details of 1,000 customers of a UK bank to an undercover reporter.

Gartner: <http://www.gartner.com>

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2142204/gartner-warns-indian-call>

6. *September 13, Rocky Mountain News (CO)* — **Fort Carson records stolen.** Fort Carson has cautioned thousands of its soldiers to watch their credit records carefully following the theft of computerized personnel records from the post. Thieves broke into the Soldier Readiness Processing center over the weekend of August 20–21 and stole four computer hard drives containing thousands of personnel records, Fort Carson spokesperson Dee McNutt said Monday, September 12. The records include names, Social Security numbers, ages, ranks, jobs, citizenship information and unit affiliations of soldiers and civilians who had been processed through the center since January, McNutt said. Soldiers must update their personnel information through the center at least once a year, or whenever they are deploying or transferring to or from the post. Civilian federal employees and contractors deploying with military units also must register. Fort Carson is located in Fort Carson, CO.

Source: [http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/state/article/0.1299.DRMN\\_21\\_4076654.00.html](http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/state/article/0.1299.DRMN_21_4076654.00.html)

7. *September 13, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement* — **Woman pleads guilty to operating illegal money transfer firm.** United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein and John P. Clark, Acting Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), announced that Aissatou Pita Barry, of Silver Spring, MD, pleaded guilty on Monday, September 12, to Operating an Unlicensed Money Transmitting Business, in violation of 18

U.S.C. Section 1960. This case represents the first conviction in the District of Columbia under this federal statute. During Monday's plea proceedings, the defendant admitted that she incorporated Guinex International, Inc., in the District of Columbia, on August 16, 1999, with the stated purpose of transmitting money from the United States to various parts of the world. The defendant admitted that she violated 18 U.S.C. Section 1960 by failing to obtain a license to operate a money transmission business in the District of Columbia, as required by D.C. law, and by failing to register her business with the Secretary of the Treasury, as required by federal law. Since the enactment of the USA Patriot Act in late 2001, ICE agents have aggressively targeted illegal money transmittal businesses and underground "hawalas" nationwide, given the vulnerabilities they pose.

Source: <http://www.ice.gov/graphics/news/newsreleases/articles/050913washington.htm>

8. *September 12, U.S. Embassy Jakarta* — **U.S. government provides funds to assist in Indonesia's fight against transnational crimes.** U.S. Ambassador B. Lynn Pascoe met with Indonesian Attorney General Abdul Rahman Saleh on Monday, September 12, to sign a Letter of Arrangement (LOA) concerning support for Indonesia's effort to prosecute transnational crimes, including terrorism, cyber crimes, money laundering, and trafficking in persons. Under this arrangement, the United States will offer assistance valued at approximately \$750,000 to a newly established Task Force within the Attorney General's Office that will focus on the prosecution of complex transnational crimes. In announcing the assistance, Ambassador Pascoe stated that "criminals do not respect national boundaries, and complex crimes are increasingly transnational in nature. The battle against crimes such as terrorism, money laundering and trafficking in persons will be won only if states cooperate closely in apprehending and prosecuting such criminals."

Source: [http://www.usembassyjakarta.org/press\\_rel/USG-aid-transcrime.html](http://www.usembassyjakarta.org/press_rel/USG-aid-transcrime.html)

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

9. *September 13, Associated Press* — **New Orleans airport reopens, and port operational.** Louis Armstrong International Airport reopened to commercial flights Tuesday, September 13, for the first time since Hurricane Katrina struck more than two weeks ago, and the port was back in operation, too, as New Orleans struggled to get up and running again. Northwest Airlines Flight 947 from Memphis, TN, landed around midday with about 30 people aboard. Using generator power, New Orleans' airport was back in operation the day after the hurricane hit, but was reserved for emergency use, including evacuation flights. The city's recovery could be seen along the New Orleans waterfront as well. A shipment of steel coils left the port by barge Monday, September 12, bound for a Hyundai auto plant in Greenville, AL, port spokesperson Chris Bonura said. The port expected the arrival late Tuesday, September 13, of its first cargo ship since the hurricane, and at least three more ships by week's end, said Gary LaGrange, port president and chief executive. The port of New Orleans is the gateway to a river system serving 33 states along the Mississippi River or its tributaries. The port also connects to six railroads.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/news/archive/2005/09/13/national/a105729D40.DTL>

10. *September 13, King Count Journal (WA)* — **Washington lacks plans to handle sudden crisis on 520 bridge.** No detailed emergency plan exists to handle a "catastrophic failure" of the Evergreen Point floating bridge connecting the Eastside to Seattle, WA. A specific plan does exist for the Alaskan Way Viaduct, which experts say is vulnerable to an earthquake and needs to be replaced. But only a generic plan for freeway bridges in general exists. City Councilman Richard Conlin said he was surprised that a detailed emergency plan did not exist for the State Route 520 bridge, given its age, and the fact that studies have been under way for years on how best to replace the 42-year-old bridge, whose "useful life" is set to expire in 2020. As part of the planning for a new bridge, officials with the Washington State Department of Transportation briefed Seattle City Council members Monday, September 12, on the bridge replacement project, as well as on efforts to develop a catastrophic failure plan. The plan also will consider earthquake and storm scenarios, pinpoint potential trouble spots on the bridge, suggest traffic management planning, and come up with a recommendation to pay for implementation.  
Source: <http://www.kingcountyjournal.com/sited/story/html/217280>
11. *September 13, Department of Homeland Security* — **Department of Homeland Security announces grants to secure ports.** Tuesday, September 13, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced \$141,969,967.61 in the fifth round of awards under the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). The FY 2005 PSGP fortifies security at the nation's critical ports and maritime facilities. PSGP funds address key national priorities by helping to protect ports against small craft and underwater attacks and vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices. The program also funds measures to enhance explosive detection capabilities aboard passenger vessels and associated facilities. "These grants provide another layer of security to help protect ports from terrorism, safeguard nearby communities, and ensure the uninterrupted flow of global commerce," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. In addition to these awards, over the past five years, the PSGP has provided \$489 million to enhance dockside and perimeter security in our nation's seaports.  
Round 5 Awarded PSGP Projects:  
[http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/Press\\_PortSecurityGrants\\_FY05.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/Press_PortSecurityGrants_FY05.pdf)  
Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4804>
12. *September 13, Associated Press* — **Two tankers, flat car derail.** Hazardous material teams determined that no liquefied petroleum gas leaked when two tankers and a flat rail car jumped the tracks Monday, September 12, in Reno, KS. Deputy Fire Chief Mike Patterson said the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train had just made a stop to pick up several tanker cars filled with gas when the accident happened outside of Hutchinson, which has about 2,500 residents and is located in south-central Kansas. A reason for the derailment wasn't given. The derailment was the third in less than a month in the Reno County.  
Source: <http://www.kansas.com/mld/kansas/news/state/12630139.htm>
13. *August 12, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-05-543: Border Security: Opportunities to Increase Coordination of Air and Marine Assets.** Three agencies of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have primary responsibility for securing the nation's borders — the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). To fulfill their missions, these agencies deploy a variety of valuable air and marine assets. The Government Accountability Office (GAO)



analyzed what efforts DHS has undertaken to facilitate coordination of the air and marine assets of the three agencies. The agencies at the four locations GAO visited had undertaken efforts to coordinate assets and related training on an ad hoc basis because of the willingness of local commanders to cooperate with each other. Officials at all locations noted that challenges affect the extent to which such coordination can reasonably occur. Some assets are not shared because agencies' needs differ. Officials also cited potential legal issues that could limit efforts to coordinate the use of assets among agencies. Local unit officials stated that DHS needed to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the agencies in conducting their homeland security missions to ensure that DHS's air and marine assets are used in an efficient and coordinated manner that optimizes use of DHS's resources.

Report Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d05543high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05543.pdf>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

14. *September 13, Associated Press* — **Early price tag: one billion dollars in damage to Louisiana agriculture.** The early price tag for Hurricane Katrina's damage to Louisiana agriculture is one billion dollars — but the eventual total will be much higher, a state expert said Monday September 12. Figures compiled so far by the Louisiana State University AgCenter cover only lost revenue and increased production costs. They do not include damage to fences, equipment and buildings, trashed pasture land and other infrastructure losses, said AgCenter economist Kirk Guidry. For example, 10,000 to 11,000 head of cattle south of Lake Pontchartrain are dead or missing, Guidry said. Many dairies in the heart of Louisiana's milk-producing region have had to dump milk because of a lack of power. A lot of sugar cane was knocked down or bent over, cutting down on the amount of sugar brought in, Guidry said. In some commercial forest areas, up to 75 percent of the timber is either down or bent. And in the Christmas tree growing industry of southeastern Louisiana, producers are facing losses from knocked down trees. Up to half of the crop could be lost because of root system damage.

Source: <http://www.shreveporttimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050913/NEWS05/509130353/1064>

15. *September 13, Michigan Ag Connection* — **Emerald ash borer detected in Upper Peninsula.** State officials say the emerald ash borer has been detected in the Upper Peninsula region of Michigan for the first time. The beetle was found during a survey of ash trees in Brimley State Park, in Chippewa County along Lake Superior. Michigan Agriculture Director Mitch Irwin says it appears to be an isolated infestation and that the state is responding aggressively. Department on Natural Resources Director Rebecca Humphries says all ash trees within a half-mile of the infestation will be removed. The beetle is native to Asia and was discovered in southeastern Michigan in 2002. It is blamed for killing or damaging about 15 million Lower

Peninsula ash trees.

Multi-state emerald ash borer Web site: <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>

Michigan emerald ash borer information:

[http://www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607.7-125-1568\\_2390\\_18298---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607.7-125-1568_2390_18298---,00.html)

Source: <http://www.michiganagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=522&y r=2005>

**16. *September 12, Southeast Farm Press* — Rust spreads as Southeast soybean crop matures.**

With Asian soybean rust nipping at its heels, the Southeast soybean crop is nearing the finish line. Except for the extreme northwest and northeast corners of the state, we're picking up rust in all our sentinel plots, said Bob Kemeraite, Georgia Extension plant pathologist. We're also picking up rust in commercial fields. We're in a race with rust now. Where we have commercial fields in my fungicide trials, the beans are either at, or approaching, full seed. Our understanding is once they reach that level of maturity the crop is fairly safe from rust. The first two weeks of September saw more discoveries of the disease in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. Soybean rust remains a threat in Alabama but may be slowing. After a spate of findings in August, the state has announced just one new case in the last two weeks: a Chilton County sentinel plot. In Georgia, where yields look very good, September findings have been in Spalding, Tatnall, Tift, Washington, Laurens, and Marion counties.

Source: <http://southeastfarmpress.com/news/091205-Rust-update/>

**17. *September 12, U.S. Department of Agriculture* — Counties in California, Kansas, Minnesota, Oregon, Texas, and Virginia as agriculture disaster areas.**

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns Monday, September 12, designated counties in Kansas, California, Minnesota, Oregon, Texas, and Virginia as primary agricultural disaster areas, making certain farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers in the counties eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). In Kansas, counties were designated as primary disaster areas due to losses caused by severe storms including hail, high winds, lightening, excessive rain, flash flooding, and flooding. In California, Sutter County was designated as a primary disaster area due to losses caused by unseasonable rain. Contiguous counties are also eligible. In Minnesota, 18 counties were designated as primary disaster areas due to losses caused by severe storms including excessive rainfall, hail and high winds. In Oregon, Polk and Yamhill Counties were designated as primary disaster areas due to losses caused by heavy winds, rains and cool temperatures. In Texas, Wilbarger County was designated as a primary disaster area due to losses caused by drought, high winds and excessive temperatures. In Virginia, Fauquier County was designated as a primary disaster area on due to losses caused by drought and high temperatures.

Source: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7 0 A/7 0 1OB?contentonly=true&contentid=2005/09/0365.xml>

**18. *September 09, U.S. Customs and Border Protection* — U.S. Customs and Border Protection interception of illegal citrus cuttings becomes first conviction in violation of the Plant Protection Act of 2000.**

The first felony conviction and imprisonment under the Plant Protection Act of 2000 occurred on August 30, 2005 in San Francisco, CA. The conviction was a result of a year-long investigation by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture into a man accused of smuggling 450 citrus cuttings into the U.S. Nagatoshi Morimoto pleaded guilty to one felony count of smuggling citrus cuttings from Japan to the U.S. Morimoto was caught in April of 2004 when CBP

Officers intercepted three express mail shipments from Japan that were labeled as “candy and chocolates,” but which contained the citrus cuttings. One of the shipments tested positive for citrus canker. Citrus cuttings are grafted onto rootstock to grow a particular species of citrus. Citrus canker is a plant disease caused by a bacterial pathogen that affects a variety of citrus species and citrus relatives. Lesions caused by the disease render fruit unmarketable and can cause infected fruit to drop from trees before reaching maturity.

Plant Protection Act: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/weeds/PPAText.PDF>

Source: [http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/press\\_releases/09092005\\_3.xml](http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/press_releases/09092005_3.xml)

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## **Food Sector**

19. *September 12, American Herbal Products Association* — **Food and Drug Administration publishes guidance for bioterrorism recordkeeping requirements.** In the Monday, September 12, Federal Register, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the publication of a guidance document on the recordkeeping requirements of the Bioterrorism Act. Among other things, that act (formally known as the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002) requires that companies that “manufacture, process, pack, transport, distribute, receive, hold, or import food,” including dietary supplements, keep certain records and have them available “to allow for the identification of the immediate previous sources and the immediate subsequent recipients of food.” The intent of this requirement is to enable the FDA to trace products quickly in the event that there is a reasonable belief that an article of food is adulterated and presents a public health threat. In an online guidance document, the FDA outlines who must comply with and who is excluded from the rule, and what information is required to be kept and made available to FDA during a Bioterrorism investigation. The guidance document describes FDA’s current thinking and should be viewed only as recommendations, unless specific regulatory or statutory requirements are cited.

September 12, 2005, Federal Register:

<http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/05-18039.pdf>

FDA Guidance Document: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/%7Edms/recguid.html>

Source: [http://www.ahpa.org/update\\_05\\_0912.htm](http://www.ahpa.org/update_05_0912.htm)

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## **Water Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Public Health Sector**

20. *September 13, Boston Globe (MA)* — **Fourth encephalitis case found in Massachusetts.** A three month old girl from Plymouth, MA, is the fourth person in Massachusetts this year to be diagnosed with Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), state health officials said Monday, September 12, as they raised the possibility of an aerial assault to combat the biggest outbreak



of the mosquito-borne virus in more than a decade. The unidentified baby girl is improving after getting ill August 25. A five year old girl from Halifax and an 83-year-old man from Kingston have died from the illness during the last month. A 63-year-old Duxbury woman who contracted the illness is recovering. The town of Duxbury has canceled until further notice all activities on town-owned fields between after dark. Some high school football games have been moved to other towns, according to Jennifer Dalrymple, health agent for Duxbury. The town also has increased spraying. Halifax ordered additional spraying and also worked to kill mosquito larvae. East Bridgewater, which does not have a case of human infection, has also canceled all outdoor activities. This strain of encephalitis has also turned up in New Hampshire, killing a 20-year-old woman on Friday, September 9, and infecting several others. The disease kills one-third of those infected and severely impairs about half of those who survive.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis Fact Sheet: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/arbor/eeefact.htm>

Source: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/09/13/4th\\_encephalitis\\_case\\_found\\_in\\_mass/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/09/13/4th_encephalitis_case_found_in_mass/)

21. *September 13, World Health Organization* — **New emergency immunization plan launched to protect horn of Africa.** The Global Polio Eradication Initiative — spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF — Tuesday, September 13, launched an ambitious new series of polio immunization campaigns to prevent the re-establishment of the disease in the Horn of Africa. The new plan comes as a polio case is confirmed in Mogadishu, Somalia, a country which had been polio-free since 2002. The plan will see large-scale series of immunization campaigns coordinated across eight countries — Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, and parts of Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo — between September and November. The campaigns will reach more than 34 million children with multiple doses of polio vaccine and rapidly boost population immunity in the Horn of Africa. The plan has been finalized over the past weeks, amid growing concern that outbreaks in neighbouring Ethiopia and Yemen could spread across porous borders with Somalia. Now, with confirmation of polio in Mogadishu, rapid implementation of the emergency measures are essential. Although five nationwide campaigns were conducted this year, insecurity in the country and low routine immunization rates could still result in rapid spread of the virus across Somalia.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative: <http://www.polioeradication.org/>

Source: [http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2005/pr42/en/in\\_dex.html](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2005/pr42/en/in_dex.html)

22. *September 13, Associated Press* — **Katrina highlights need for electronic health records.** Federal health officials are working to open a database of prescription drug records to help Hurricane Katrina evacuees piece their health care back together. The project, still developing three weeks after the disaster, underscores the reality that the hurricane destroyed medical records of untold numbers of people, possibly complicating treatment decisions for years to come. And it's focusing new attention on the need for computerized medical records, accessible in an emergency even if the patient is far from home or their doctor's office no longer exists. The federal government's goal is to give most Americans computerized medical records within 10 years. But it's so expensive and technologically challenging, since systems must be compatible so the records can be read by competing clinics and hospitals, that only a fraction of health providers today are paperless. As a result, doctors struggle to care for hurricane evacuees without knowledge of past treatments or even all the illnesses they have. Even determining daily medicines is a challenge.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2005/HEALTH/09/13/katrina.health.records.ap/>

23. *September 13, Reuters* — **Rich–poor divide hobbles Asia's bird flu plans.** A few people in a poor farming village come down with what they think is a bad case of winter flu and try to sweat it out without calling for medical treatment. Weeks later, millions are infected and markets are crashing as the first human avian flu pandemic races around the world. It is the scenario that health officials are dreading as Asia makes only patchy progress in plans for dealing with an outbreak. Asia is seen as the most likely epicenter of a human bird flu pandemic. A human outbreak of bird flu would pose logistical and financial challenges in a region where millions live on a few dollars a day, health officials say. "All the will in the world might be there, but they don't have the manpower, they don't have the expertise, they don't have the funds," the World Health Organization's (WHO) spokesperson Peter Cordingley, said of Asia's poorer nations. Officials estimate there would be a 21–day window of opportunity to stop the outbreak before it spreads too widely. But in a country such as China, where reporting lines are slowed by poverty, bureaucracy and vast distances, that window may have passed long before the outbreak becomes apparent.

Source: [http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=scienceNews&storyID=2005-09-13T120501Z\\_01\\_EIC343393\\_RTRIDST\\_0\\_SCIENCE-BIRDFLU-ASIA-DC.XML](http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=scienceNews&storyID=2005-09-13T120501Z_01_EIC343393_RTRIDST_0_SCIENCE-BIRDFLU-ASIA-DC.XML)

24. *September 12, Reuters* — **New Orleans hospitals need patients, money to stay open.** New Orleans, LA, area hospitals, which struggled to operate with little power and less security in Hurricane Katrina's wake, now have a different problem, the government says — they need patients to come back so they can stay in business. Just five hospitals in New Orleans and surrounding areas are fully operational and staffed, the U.S. Public Health Service said, with around 500 beds to take patients. But with the city all but emptied by a mandatory evacuation order, those beds are mostly empty. "One of the concerns is if we don't bring back patients to support their activities, they may not be able to continue those activities," Adm. Craig Vanderwagen, the assistant surgeon general, said. But the chief executives of two of the five hospitals told Reuters on Monday, September 12, that what they most need is financial assistance after an extended period with no revenue — and if they do not get it within two to four weeks they will not be able to keep the doctors they need. "The physicians we have with private practices have no revenue coming in," said Mark Peters, CEO of East Jefferson General Hospital, himself a physician. "I need both the money to sustain the hospital and money to support medical staff."

Source: [http://olympics.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=healthNews&storyID=2005-09-12T183101Z\\_01\\_DIT256224\\_RTRIDST\\_0\\_HEALTH-HOSPITALS-DC.XML](http://olympics.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=healthNews&storyID=2005-09-12T183101Z_01_DIT256224_RTRIDST_0_HEALTH-HOSPITALS-DC.XML)

25. *September 12, University of Georgia* — **Researchers identifies new way of combating viral diseases.** Four seemingly unrelated viral diseases may some day be defeated by a single treatment, according to a recent collaborative study involving researchers at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine. Their study focuses on viruses responsible for HIV, measles, Ebola, and Marburg and includes investigators from Vanderbilt University Medical Center and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Thomas Hodge, research professor of infectious diseases at the veterinary college, and his colleagues have reported that blocking a protein that helps transport viruses out of a cell keeps these four viruses from

reproducing and infecting other cells. Most antiviral therapies target the virus itself, but viruses are quick to adapt to the body's attempts to disable them, Hodge explained. They can mutate rapidly and develop resistance to almost any antiviral compound. By focusing on the host cell, Hodge and his colleagues hope to identify new ways to combat viral diseases. The researchers identified a cellular protein called Rab9 — a factor required for viruses to reproduce in a cell. Disrupting Rab9 prevented the replication of four different viruses — Marburg, Ebola, HIV-1, and measles viruses.

Source: [http://www.uga.edu/news/artman/publish/050912\\_Hodge.shtml](http://www.uga.edu/news/artman/publish/050912_Hodge.shtml)

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## **Government Sector**

26. *September 12, Department of Homeland Security* — **Federal government prepares for Tropical Storm Ophelia.** Federal, state and local officials have pre-positioned water, ice, and other emergency relief supplies in strategic locations in anticipation of Tropical Storm Ophelia's landfall on the east coast. At the same time, government officials also are urging residents in the southeastern coastal area to monitor the storm's progress, to make preparations for themselves and their families now, and to listen to the instructions of local officials. Hundreds of trailers of water and ice and dozens of trailers of meals-ready-to-eat (MREs) are pre-positioned on Monday, September 12, in Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to address the potential effects of Tropical Storm Ophelia along the mid-Atlantic coastline, if needed by the states. Three Disaster Medical Assistance Teams, six Urban Search and Rescue Teams, and various other expert and medical personnel are activated and prepared to provide services if necessary. Numerous federal agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and others stand ready to provide support if needed.

Emergency Preparedness information: <http://www.ready.gov> and <http://www.fema.gov>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

27. *September 13, Middletown Press (CT)* — **Coastal towns in Connecticut plan hurricane drill.** A state-sponsored disaster training exercise in Connecticut this week will give town officials a change to review their own emergency response procedures in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The state has scheduled a drill Thursday morning, September 15, to review procedures for evacuating residents from traditionally flood-prone areas along the coastline in the event of a Category-3 hurricane. With the nature of real or potential threats — either natural of man-made — changing so quickly, the emergency management plan "needs to be looked at all the time," stated First Selectwoman Susan S. Bransfield. While the drill intended to focus on the shoreline communities, state officials have invited many of the state's 169 cities and towns to participate as well. Portland, CT, will be one of the towns that is participating, officials say. Source: <http://www.middletownpress.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=15200613>

28. *September 13, Associated Press* — **Rail industry works to prepare emergency agencies in New York for Hazmat incidents.** Emergency agency officials in upstate New York are learning more about what they need to repair for hazardous materials incidents involving rail shipments. The Norfolk Southern Railway's special "Safety Train" was in Binghamton, NY, Tuesday, September 13, as part of an educational campaign to help the region's emergency responders. The program receives support from the chemical industry. The train includes classrooms and displays to provide crucial information about air monitoring, protective equipment and derailments. The program also provides guidance on how train fires and incidents involving radioactive materials should be handled. Workshops are provided to emergency agency workers at no charge. The Safety Train is scheduled to travel to Allentown, PA, Thursday, September 15.  
Source: <http://www.wstm.com/Global/story.asp?S=3844249>
29. *September 12, Associated Press* — **State officials to revise disaster response plans in Massachusetts.** Massachusetts officials say they are revising their disaster response plans after watching the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and the problems with relief efforts. Boston is redrawing its plan to evacuate and relocate residents, and the state is creating a task force to prepare for a Katrina-strength hurricane. More state-level training also appears likely. Existing evacuation plans rely on people getting themselves out of Boston, but the experience in New Orleans showed that thousands of poor people have no means to leave. Boston Mayor Tom Menino has asked Carlo A. Boccia, Boston's director of homeland security, to overhaul the city's plans. The city hasn't identified facilities to temporarily house thousands of evacuees, for example. Boccia said he hopes to have these places identified within two months. They are considering stocking the sites with medical supplies, food and water. Christine McCombs, director of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, has convened a task force to improve hurricane relief plans. "I always say to the team here that plans are living documents," she said. "They are not meant to be created and put on the shelf."  
Source: <http://www.thetranscript.com/Stories/0,1413,103~9068~3050988,.00.html>
30. *September 11, Chronicle-Tribune (IN)* — **Indiana emergency teams identify strengths, weaknesses in mock disaster drill.** A two hour disaster drill was held in the Indiana Wesleyan University science building parking lot in Marion, IN, Saturday, September 10, in order to put the Grant County, IN, emergency management plan to test. In the drill, two shooters entered the Indiana Wesleyan science building, unleashed anthrax, and hid an explosive device. Upon completion of the drill, the results were analyzed. The main issue that emergency personnel noticed was how the departments communicated with one another. "The (intra-agency) communication was a thing to work on," said David Day, Marion Deputy Chief of Police. "Not everybody has the same radio frequencies to use and that is one of the things we are going to take a look at." Marion Fire Captain Andy Weller said he was encouraged by the way the communication improved as the drill went on. Communication should improve as the county moves ahead with its plans to build an 800-megahertz radio frequency tower, which already is in the works. The participants included the Grant County Sheriff's Department, Marion Fire Department, Marion Police Department, county volunteer fire departments, county EMS units, Marion General Hospital emergency medical service units and the Grant County Coroner's office.

Source: <http://www.chronicle-tribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050911/NEWS01/509110320/1002>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

31. *September 12, FrSIRT* — **Textbased MSN client (TMSNC) remote format string vulnerability.** A vulnerability has been identified in Textbased MSN Client (TMSNC). The vulnerability can be exploited by attackers to execute arbitrary commands that may a denial of service. This flaw is due to a format string error in "ui.c" when using the "wprintw()" function. FrSIRT recommends installing Textbased MSN Client version 0.2.5 to solve the vulnerability. Source: <http://www.frsirt.com/english/advisories/2005/1709>
32. *September 12, FrSIRT* — **FrSIRT: Snort SACK TCP option handling remote denial of service issue.** A vulnerability has been identified in Snort. When Snort is running in verbose mode a vulnerability can be exploited by remote attackers to cause a denial of service. This flaw is due to an error in the "PrintTcpOptions()" function [log.c] that does not properly handle specific TCP packets. There is a link to a patch on the snort website. Source: <http://www.frsirt.com/english/advisories/2005/1721>
33. *September 12, Secunia* — **Mall23 eCommerce "idPage" SQL injection vulnerability.** A vulnerability in Mall23 eCommerce, which can be exploited by malicious people to conduct SQL injection attacks. Mall23, ASP e-commerce script, is vulnerable to SQL Injection attacks. Impact an unauthenticated attacker may execute arbitrary SQL statements on the vulnerable system. This may compromise the integrity of databases and expose sensitive information. The vulnerability is reported to be fixed in an upcoming version. Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/16778/>
34. *September 12, PHYSORG.COM* — **University of South Florida deploys mini unmanned search aircraft after Katrina.** The University of South Florida's Center for Robot-Assisted Search and Rescue (CRASAR) team worked with other rescuers in Mississippi immediately following Hurricane Katrina. They used two types of small unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), one fixed wing and one helicopter. Within two hours of deployment the responders had data from the UAVs showing there were no survivors trapped in the Pearl River. In addition, the UAV reported the flood waters from the river were not posing any additional threats to the community. Source: <http://www.physorg.com/news6383.html>

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

#### **DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis**

**Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.**



**US–CERT Operations Center Synopsis:** US–CERT has received reports of multiple phishing sites that attempt to trick users into donating funds to fraudulent foundations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. US–CERT warns users to expect an increase in targeted phishing emails due to recent events in the Gulf Coast Region. Phishing emails may appear as requests from a charitable organization asking the users to click on a link that will then take them to a fraudulent site that appears to be a legitimate charity. The users are then asked to provide personal information that can further expose them to future compromises. Users are encouraged to take the following measures to protect themselves from this type of phishing attack: 1. Do not follow unsolicited web links received in email messages 2. Contact your financial institution immediately if you believe your account/and or financial information has been compromised US–CERT strongly recommends that all users reference the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) web site for a list of legitimate charities to donate to their charity of choice. For more information and current disaster updates please see URL: <http://www.fema.gov/>

#### Current Port Attacks

<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	1026 (---), 6881 (bittorrent), 3724 (---), 445 (microsoft-ds), 4672 (eMule), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 135 (epmap), 139 (netbios-ssn), 40000 (---), 25 (smtp)
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Source: <http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html>; Internet Storm Center

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US–CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Website: [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov).

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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## **Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector**

**35. *September 13, Business Wire* — Commercial buildings remain vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters.** According to research conducted by The Wall Street Transcript, commercial buildings are vulnerable to terrorist attacks, violence committed by employees as well as natural elements such as hurricanes and tornadoes. While progress is being made to implement technology, screen tenants, ratchet up training of security professionals and coordinate with local authorities, tenants and visitors to commercial buildings face risks to their safety. "In the age of terrorism, government, commercial, retail and residential buildings fall within terrorists' crosshairs. Recent years have witnessed attacks on buildings from aircraft, from automobiles, via postal service deliveries and at the hands of teenagers. Natural elements such as wind and rain are demolishing buildings and jeopardizing the safety of building occupants. In securing buildings, building owners and managers must be prepared to counter the threats posed by foreign terrorists, natural elements, industrial mishaps, common thieves, corporate espionage and disgruntled workers," said David Wanetick, Managing Director of The Wall Street Transcript. The Wall Street Transcript has prepared a report on the State of Building Security which includes best practices, interviews with leading building security professionals and presentations that will be delivered at a conference November 15 in New York City.

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